



Maryland Agriculture Data

Weekly Crop and Weather Report



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Row Crops Maturing Ahead of Schedule

The persistent hot, dry weather is causing corn and soybeans to mature well ahead of the five year average. **Corn** is 51 percent at or past the **denting** stage, 19 percent ahead of last year, and 24 percent ahead of schedule. Sixteen percent is **mature**, 3 percent ahead of last year, and 4 percent ahead of the five year average. Some fields in very poor condition are being bush-hogged and fed to livestock. **Soybean** yields will suffer great losses if significant rain does not arrive soon. Sixty-two percent of the crop is **setting pods**, 20 percent ahead of last year, and 5 percent ahead of the average. Ten percent has started to **change color**.

Soil moisture continues to dry up with **topsoil** moisture rated 5 percent adequate, 33 percent short, and 62 percent very short. **Subsoil** is rated 6 percent in adequate supply, 26 percent short, and 68 percent very short.

MARYLAND'S CROP PROGRESS FOR WEEK ENDING AUGUST 18, 2002 (PERCENT)

ITEM	THIS WEEK	LAST WEEK	LAST YEAR	AVERAGE 1997-2001
Harvesting Progress:				
Apples	20	17	15	12
Cantaloupes	74	69	57	75
Corn, for silage	9	4	8	10
Cucumbers	68	63	68	73
Lima beans, for processing only	25	22	54	28
Peaches	77	64	72	64
Potatoes	62	61	99	94
Snap beans	70	67	74	67
Sweet Corn	65	60	66	74
Tobacco	29	8	36	29
Tomatoes	55	44	49	63
Watermelons	60	50	38	60
Crop Progress				
Corn, dough	77	68	67	58
Corn, dent	46	13	32	27
Corn, mature	16	4	13	12
Sorghum, headed	59	20	77	82
Soybeans, bloomed	83	77	66	78
Soybeans, setting pods	62	58	42	57
Soybeans, turning color	10	- -	- -	3
Tobacco, bloomed	87	73	96	92
Tobacco, topped	64	54	61	66
Hay Harvested:				
Other hay, 3 rd cutting	52	46	40	39
Alfalfa, 3 rd cutting	75	70	80	71
Alfalfa, 4 th cutting	6	4	23	19

CROP CONDITION FOR WEEK ENDING AUGUST 18, 2002 (PERCENT)

Condition	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Corn	46	31	15	7	1
Sorghum	0	20	60	20	0
Soybeans	38	37	20	5	0
Tobacco	10	12	57	21	0
Range & Pasture	45	36	17	2	0

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